

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Cross species binding of ICOS and B7-H2 ligand: Previous studies have demonstrated that murine B7RP-1 binds to human ICOS (Yoshinaga et al., *Int. Immunol.* 12:1439-1447 (2000)), suggesting that human and mouse ICOS have cross-species binding capability. To investigate this possibility, a vector encoding human B7-H2 (Wang et al., *Blood* 96:2808-2813 (2000); SEQ ID NO:43) was transfected into CHO cells, and the cells were stained with either human or mouse ICOSIg. FACS analysis showed that both human and mouse ICOSIg could interact with B7-H2, although mouse ICOSIg bound less well than its human counterpart (**Figure 1**). This suggested that the ligand binding sites in human and mouse ICOS are conserved and that similar residues contribute to the binding of B7-H2 ligand.

Please replace the Sequence Listing in the specification with the amended Sequence Listing submitted herewith.